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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, March 02, 2015

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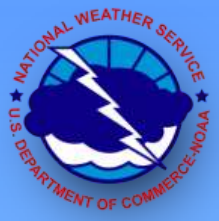
Day 1 Hazards: Snow continues over N NM today with gusty winds leading to blowing snow/reduced visibilities in the mountains.

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Key Points



Today

- Snow will continue over N NM though totals not as heavy as over the weekend
 - Gusty winds will lead to blowing snow/reduced visibilities, especially over the mountains

Tuesday - Thursday

- Snow will continue over northern NM Tuesday
- Another round of wintry weather expected late Tuesday into Wednesday from OK, AR, northern half of TX and into N LA
 - Snow and light freezing rain expected over NM, Panhandles and OK by late Tuesday
 - Freezing rain/sleet mix possible over OK, N AR and N-Central TX by Wednesday morning
 - Heavy rain expected just south of the wintry precipitation over S AR into the ArkLaTex
 - By Wednesday evening, snow/sleet/freezing rain mix expected over S OK, much of AR, the northern half of TX and into N LA (with snow continuing over NM)
 - Could see some significant accumulations (.25") over SE AR Wednesday evening into early Thursday morning
 - Precipitation looks to end (north to south) early on Thursday

Friday

- Cold temperatures Friday morning may lead to ongoing travel impacts across areas that see wintry precipitation

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 2, 2015 - Mar 6, 2015

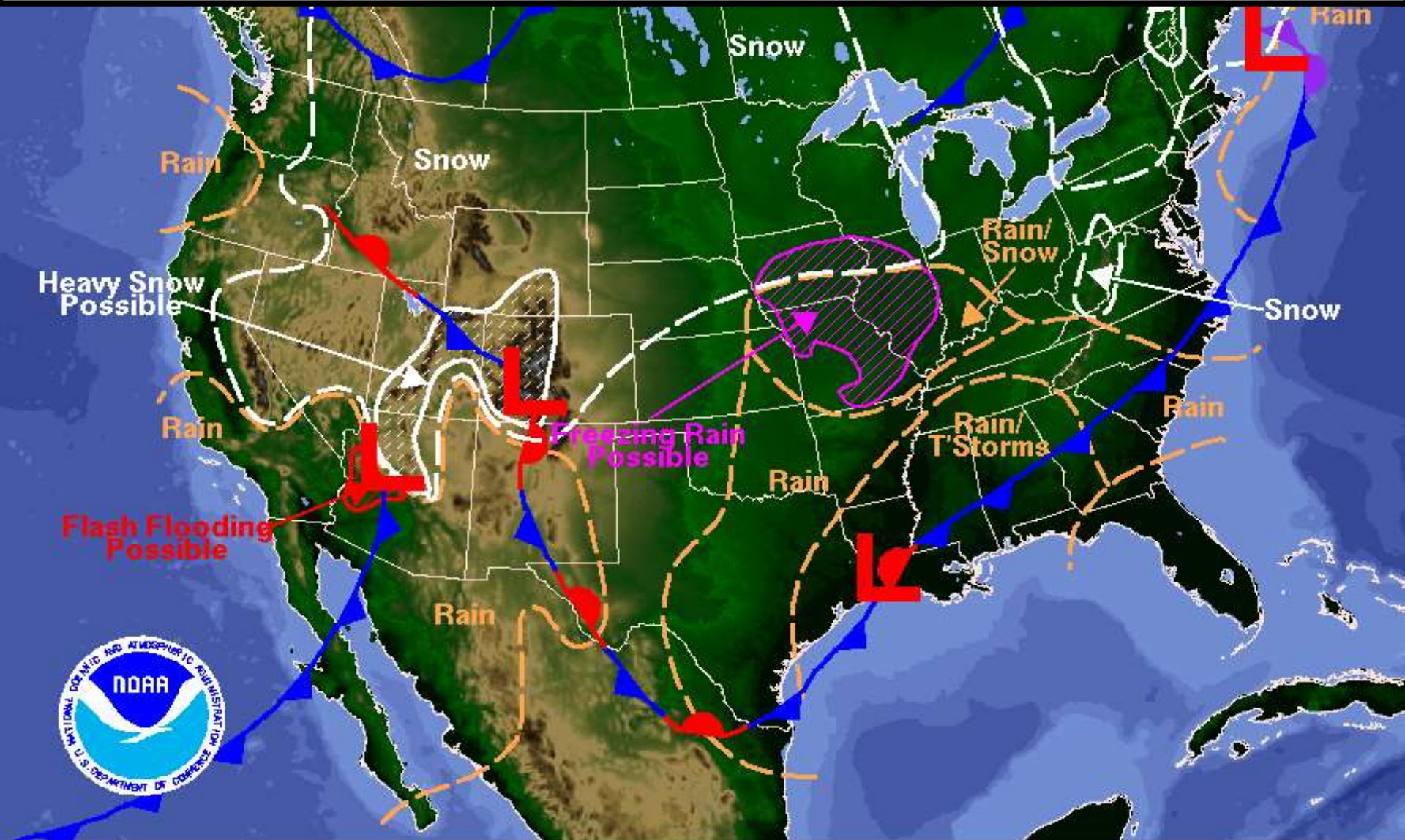
DAY/ THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding			S & E AR, ArkLaTex		
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	N NM	N NM, OK, AR, N TX (late)	OK, AR, N & Central TX, N LA	S AR, Central TX, N LA	

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Widespread Threat

*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 02, 2015, issued 3:52 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Tue



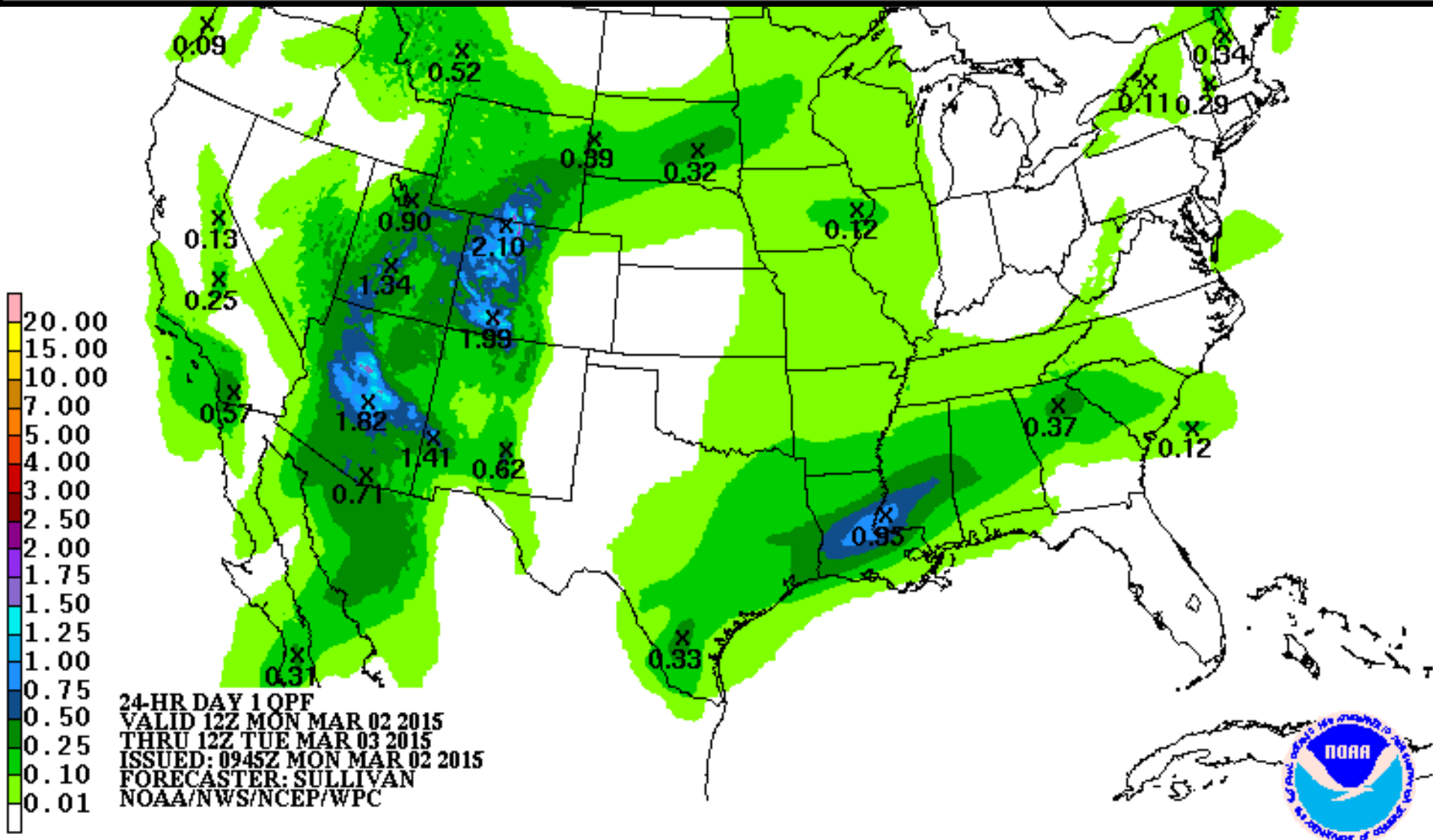
Snowfall will continue to create travel impacts; gusty winds will also lead to blowing snow



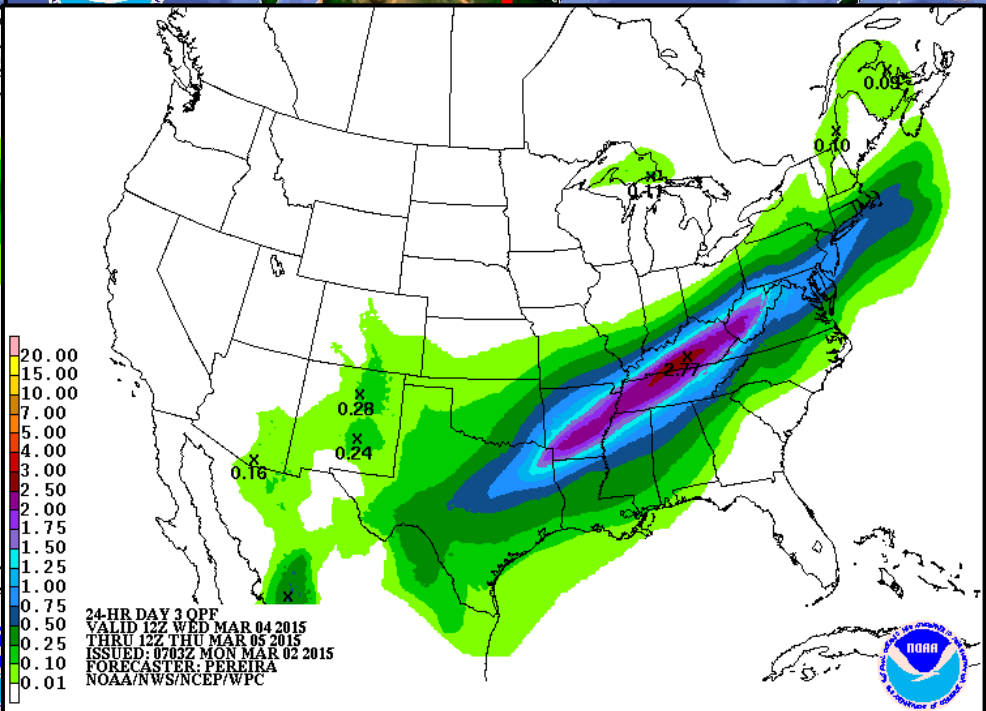
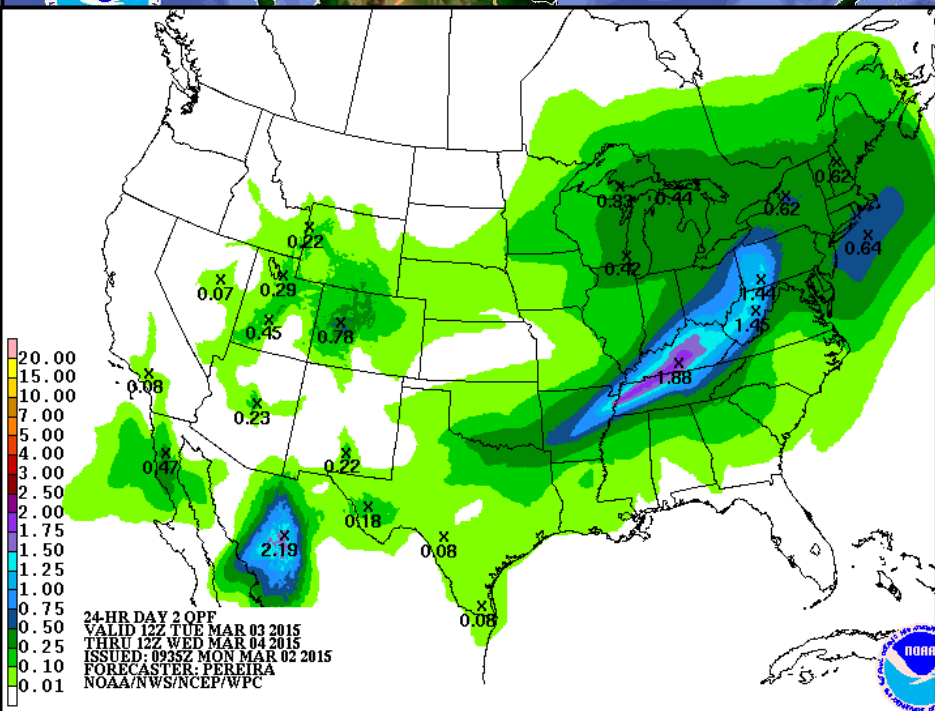
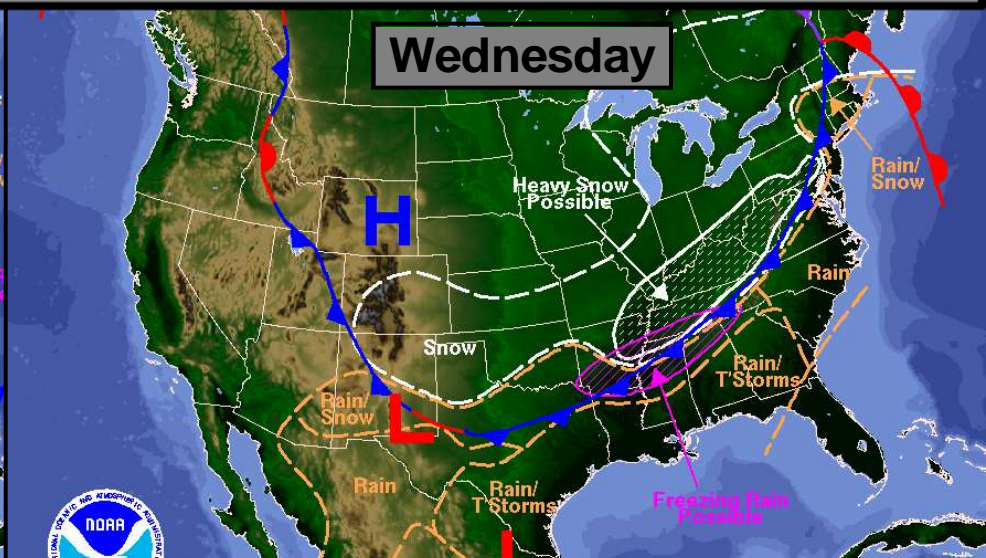
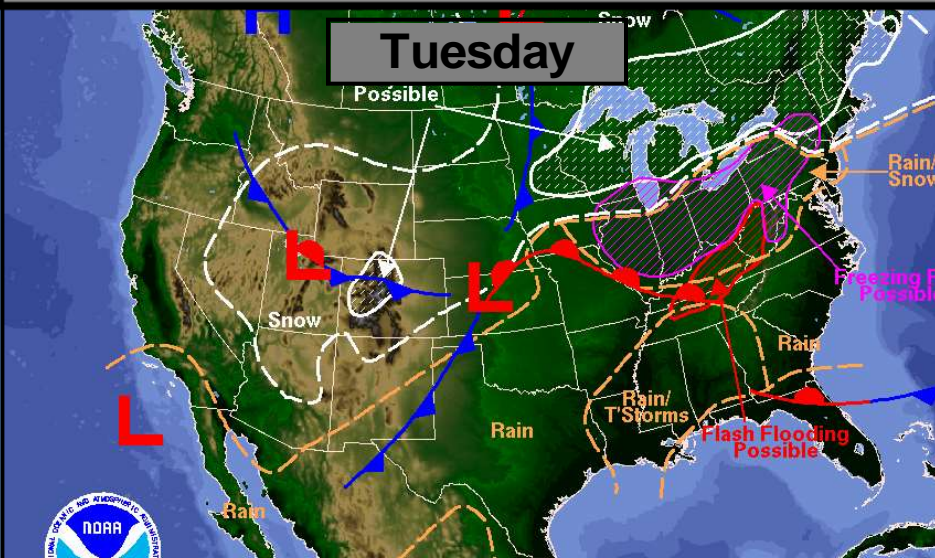
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Today's Precipitation

Mon AM - Tue AM



Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu



Snow will continue into Tuesday

Light freezing rain developing late Tuesday night into Wednesday morning

Rain will transition to snow/sleet/freezing rain from north to south Wednesday into Wednesday night

Higher ice accumulations possible Wednesday evening/night

High Threat

Moderate Threat

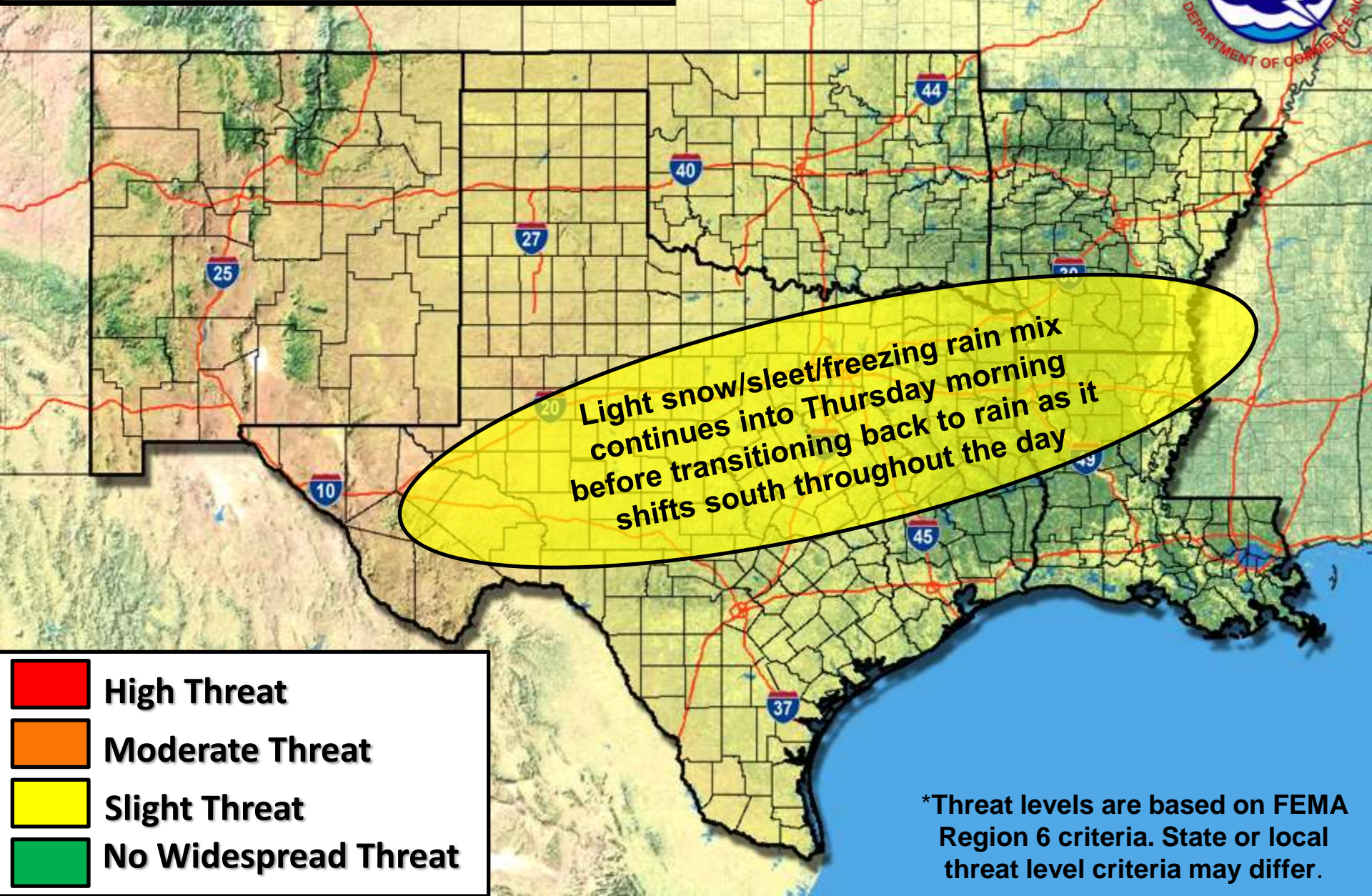
Slight Threat

No Widespread Threat

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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



Light snow/sleet/freezing rain mix continues into Thursday morning before transitioning back to rain as it shifts south throughout the day

High Threat

Moderate Threat

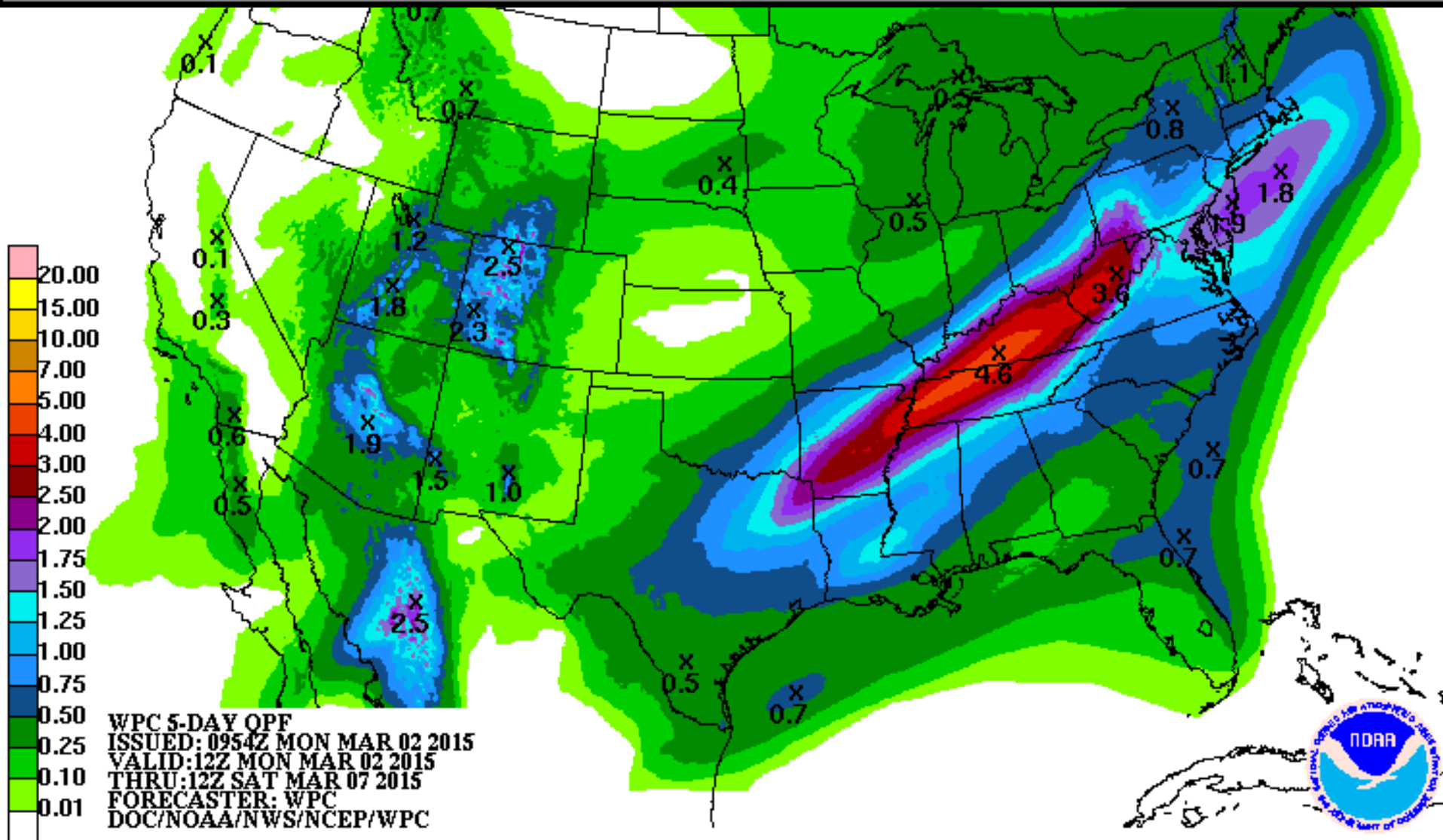
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5-Day Precipitation

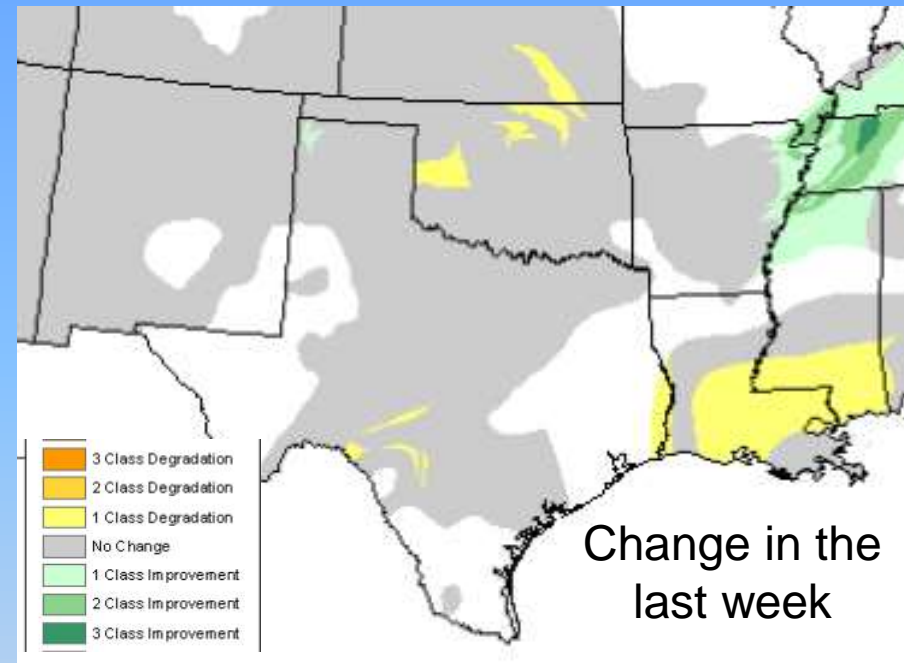
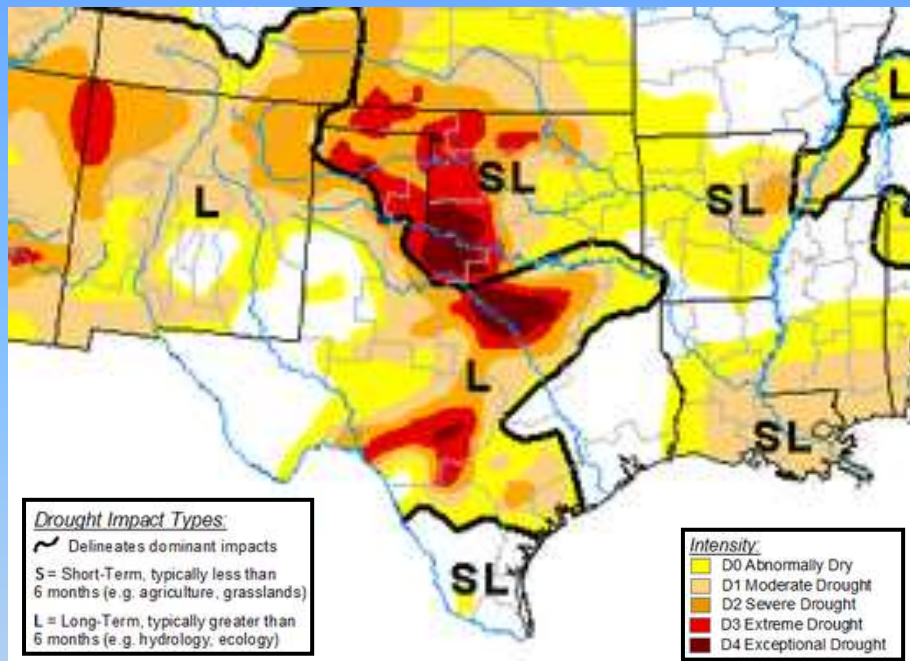
Mon AM - Sat AM





Drought Monitor Released February 26, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, February 24, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	27.80%	22.81%	18.33%	13.07%
Texas	14.34%	13.92%	9.50%	9.45%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	1.53%	14.83%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

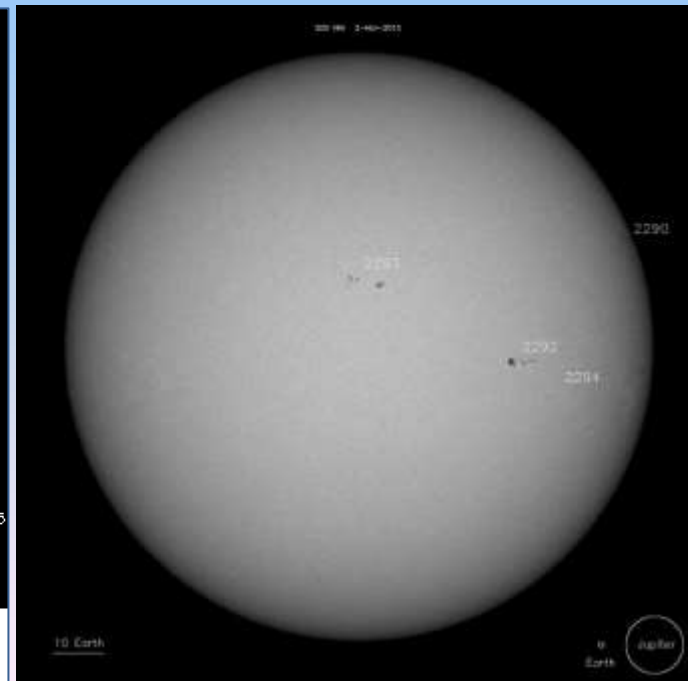
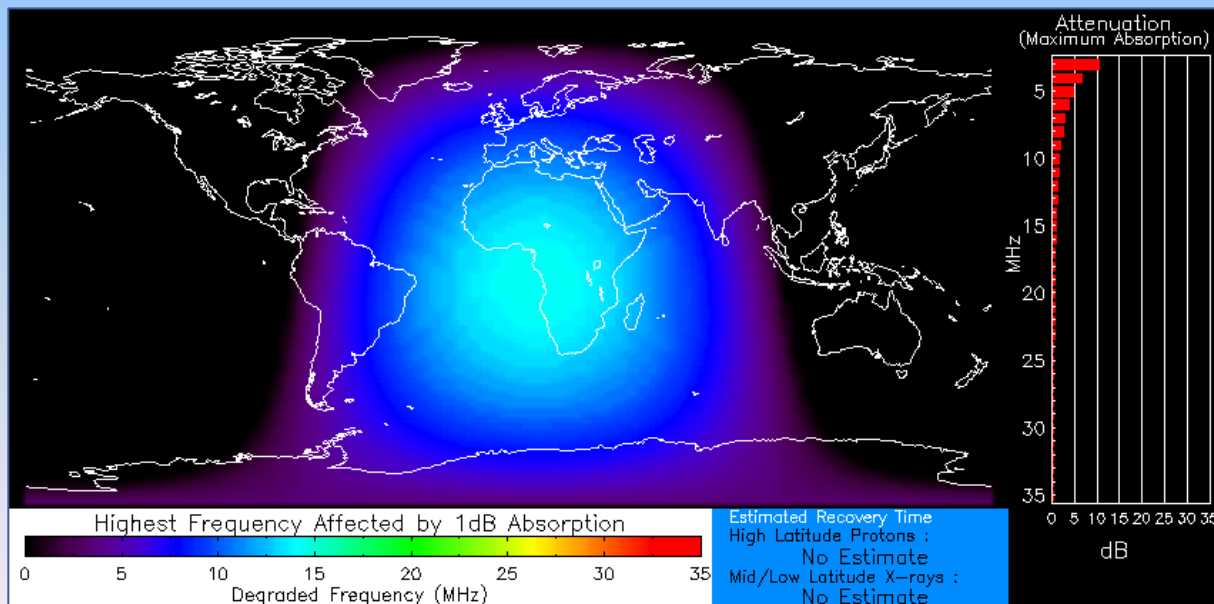
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) to Active (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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